

REMARKS

Specification Amendments

The disclosure has been amended to correct the typographical errors wherein the term "based-based" was used throughout the application.

Claim Amendments

Claims 15 to 17 remain in the application and new claims 18 to 41 have been added.

Claims 15 to 17 were objected to due to typographical errors noted therein. Thus, claims 15 to 17 were amended to start with a capitalized word and to replace the term "based-based" with "aqueous-based" throughout. Further, claim 15 was amended to improve its form by adding a general term to include the language referencing at least one of two components. This amendment facilitates reference thereto in dependent claims. Of course, these amendments were made simply to improve the form of the claims and not to differentiate over any prior art.

Claims 15, 16 and 17 were rejected on the basis of a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection based on applicant's corresponding application sn. 10/604,754. A request for express abandonment has been filed in that application. As such, it is believed that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection has been overcome.

New Claims

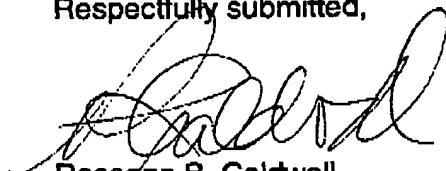
Claims 18 to 40 were added as dependent claims based on claims 15, 16 or 17.

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Conclusions

Applicant submits that the application and claims are in a condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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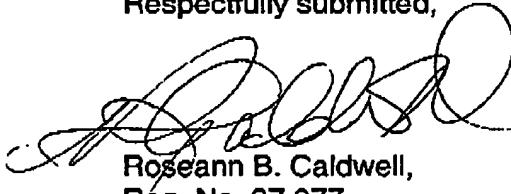
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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

The office is requested to expressly abandon the above-noted patent application in favor of applicant's corresponding application 10/604,733 filed previously. As such the invention in the above-noted application is not expressly abandoned, but rather pursued in the corresponding application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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